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TAGS: PLOS EFIS NS

SUBJ: SURINAM'S MARITIME CLAIM

REF: STATE 101839

1. EMBASSY IS INFORMED BY TOP LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT OF SURINAM THAT 200 MILE LEGISLATION HAS BEEN SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT AND CAN BE PUT INTO EFFECT WITHOUT FURTHER LEGAL STEPS.

2. HOWEVER, GOS DESIRES TO REGISTER ITS DECLARATION WITH UNITED NATIONS AND TO INFORM NEIGHBORING AND OTHER CONCERNED COUNTRIES WITH AMPLE ADVANCE NOTICE. FOR THESE PURPOSES, GOS DESIRES AUTHENTIC TRANSLATION OF LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS INTO ENGLISH. NOT HAVING EXPERTS ITSELF, IT HAS ASKED UN SECRETARIAT TO MAKE OFFICIAL TRANSLATION, WHICH IT EXPECTS WILL REQUIRE SEVERAL WEEKS.

3. BEST ESTIMATE GOS WILLING TO MAKE WAS THAT ZONE WILL BE EFFECTIVE AROUND END OF MAY. DEPARTMENT MAY BE ASSURED EMBASSY IS FOLLOWING THIS MATTER CLOSELY AND WILL REPORT AND SUBMIT COPY OF LEGISLATION AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.
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END OF MESSAGE

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